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1. GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT FERNANDO ROMEO L U C A S GARCIA  
ORDERED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF  
A UNITED STATES PRIEST. [REDACTED]

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COMMENTS:

A UNITED STATES PRIEST WAS KILLED BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS IN  
THE EARLY MORNING OF 28 JULY 1981. AT PRESENT, THERE IS  
NO FIRM EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF THE ASSASSINS.

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[REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATED THAT TWO MEN AND A WOMAN WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLING, AND THAT THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF FORCED ENTRY INTO THE PRIEST'S HOME. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SEE [REDACTED] FOR A CONFLICTING REPORT.) [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE PRIEST HAD BEEN ON A "DEATH LIST" BECAUSE OF ALLEGED "SUBVERSIVE" ACTIVITIES BUT ADDED THAT THE ARMY HAD NOT BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THERE IS NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT THE PRIEST WAS INVOLVED IN EXTREME LEFTIST ACTIVITIES.)

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[REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

IT IS HIGHLY INFERRABLE THAT THE GUATEMALAN HIGH COMMAND WOULD HAVE AUTHORIZED THE ASSASSINATION OF A UNITED STATES PRIEST AT THIS TIME. THERE IS STILL NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF THE ATTACKERS.)

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